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--claim--; and delete "to 8". ✓

23. In claim 23, page 76, line 15, please delete "any of claims" and insert  
--claim--; and please delete "to 8". ✓

24. In claim 24, page 76, line 18, please delete "any of claims" and insert  
--claim--; and delete "to 23". ✓

25. In claim 25, page 76, line 21, please delete "any of claims" and insert  
--claim--. ✓

In claim 25, page 76, line 22, please delete "to 8". ✓

**REMARKS**

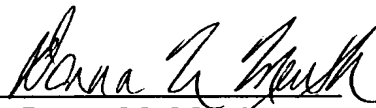
Entry of the foregoing is respectfully requested. By this amendment, claims 2-9, 13-15, and 18-25 have been amended to place the claims in more proper U.S. claim format and to delete multiple dependencies.

Early and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order. Such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Preliminary amendment, or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

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